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HE STOLE A MARCH.

The arrival of the cruiser Olympia at New York yesterday morning, with Admiral Dewey on board, was a great surprise, and not a particularly agreeable one. He was not expected until Thursday evening. By his premature appearance the New Yorkers are put in the predicament of a host who sees his guests present themselves some days in advance of the time set for the feast.

Precisely how this miscalculation was made we do not know at this moment, but we doubt not that an explanation will be forthcoming which will exonerate everybody from blame.

It is said that the naval authorities at Washington are not at all surprised at Dewey's early arrival; but if that be the fact, they acted shabbily in not warning the New Yorkers. In that matter we may discover something of the alleged jealousy as to which city should have the honor of welcoming Dewey first. It is said the New York committee made no provision for the Washingtonians, calling upon Dewey to inform him of the arrangements made to entertain him at the national capital, and that the Washington committee, therefore, had secured a tug-boat on their own account, with which they meant to go down the bay to meet the Olympia. Now they need not take that trouble. The Admiral will have two more days to himself before the welcoming deluge begins. In that time he may see as many or as few committees as he pleases, free from the restraints which the New York committee's programme will afterwards impose upon him.

Yes, Admiral Dewey's arrival yesterday was a good deal of a misfit, but we suppose he will consent to keep himself behind the scenes as much as possible and wait with all the patience he can command for the curtain to rise upon the great show. Meanwhile, the enlisted men of the Olympia can be put to work scrubbing the ship. It would be well, too, for the heroes of the Olympia to get their shore-dress on, for they will have to march some eight or ten miles at the head of Saturday's procession—no insignificant distance for persons whose chief pedestrian exercise for the past two years has been taken aboard ship.

Dispatches received here last night inform us that at the close of Dewey's reception and triumphal entertainment in New York he will go to Washington, while the Olympia is escorted to Hampton Roads by the North Atlantic Squadron. Thus the war-vessels will be placed as near to Washington as they can well be, and the requests of the commercial bodies of Norfolk, Newport News, and Richmond will be complied with.

Old Point and near-by towns will be called upon to entertain many visitors while the squadron is in Virginia waters. We should like to see all the vessels steam up to Richmond before turning their bows seaward, but we shall not insist upon that arrangement; we recognize the fact that their visit to Hampton Roads is designed as a call upon all Virginia and the national capital as well.

A Washington contemporary with the confident air of one woman advising another how to make a dress, gives some sage advice as to the decorations which should adorn the capital city on the occasion of Dewey's visit. Or, more strictly, it gives some sage advice as to the decorations which should not adorn the capital city on that occasion, for it dwells particularly on certain features which should be omitted. For instance, it recalls a former occasion when the splendid Corinthian columns of the Treasury building were made to look like colossal stalks of peppermint candy, and when every feeling heart in the city was wrung with agony at the spectacle. Our contemporary begs that this may not happen again, and urges that those who

are proud of Dewey should let their bunting fly to the breeze, instead of arranging it into bunches, knots, rosettes, and other cheap devices of upholstery.

There is much good, sound sense in these warnings. If a building is to be decorated, the greatest care should be taken to avoid those garish effects which are too often seen on gala occasions. And then, too, care should be taken to have the draperies harmonize with the architecture and to eschew the "peppermint candy" and pantalon spectacles which have shocked us in the past.

As Richmond is soon to have a "gala occasion," it might be well to bear these hints in mind.

NOT AT ALL CERTAIN.

It is not at all certain that the homecoming of Dewey has caused a quiver of joy to vibrate through administration circles. Not that there is reason to take much stock in the suggestion that Dewey may be induced to become a candidate for the nomination for President. His record for common-sense militates against the idea that he would jeopardize his great reputation and the hold he has upon the people by any such venture. He seems to be too self-possessed and observant not to have profited by the lesson, taught especially by the experience of General Grant, that the greatest menace to the pedestal on which stands the popular hero is the swash of the waves of partisan politics.

But recent revelations make it manifest that the Admiral can, if he chooses, "a tale unfold" touching the workings of the McKinley-Otis Philippines combination that might seriously diminish the chances of McKinley's re-nomination. And judging from the blunt and unreserved way in which the "bluff old sea dog" has let himself out on occasions during his journey thitherward, it seems not improbable that he may tell the American people all he knows.

As is well known, for months the administration continued to give out "advice" from Manila, which represented that our military and naval authorities in the Philippines were acting in perfect unison; that the "rebel" cause was weakening; that we were steadily gaining the adherence of the "good natives"; that the successes of our arms were gradually demoralizing the "ignorant, cut-throat bandit following of Aguinaldo"; that the general administration of both civil and military affairs in the territory occupied by our forces was moving along model lines with clock-work regularity, and that the "rebellion" was rapidly nearing an end. It was declared over and over again that all-round and complete harmony existed in supporting Mr. McKinley's policy of "benevolent assimilation," and the means being employed to bring about the materialization of that policy. And for a considerable period the tone of many of the dispatches of the Manila correspondents accorded with these Washington "advice."

Finally, however, the correspondents found a way to "flank" the press censorship, and what was the result? On awakening one morning the country was confronted with evidence that the "advice" furnished from Washington had been garbled; that the truth regarding the situation in the Philippines and the slow progress of our military operations had been shamelessly suppressed; that the Washington authorities had unblushingly misrepresented the light in which Otis was regarded by those associated with him; that the commission had been made responsible for sentiments they had never expressed and views they had never entertained, and that the correspondents had been coerced by the iron hand of militarism into cabling falsehoods to their papers.

Yet, with all this, it now appears that the worst was by no means disclosed. The censorship at Manila is still vigilant and tyrannical, but through newspaper correspondence from Washington publicity has been given to letters from naval officers at Manila which constitute a terrible arraignment of the administration on the charges of suppression, deception, and misrepresentation. One of these letters states that Admiral Dewey and President Schurman and Messrs. Denby and Worcester of the commission, recognized the full capability of the Filipinos for self-government, but that Otis dissented; that all the higher naval officers were opposed to the war as unnecessary; that the "insurgent control of all the ordinary domestic administration is strong and perfect," and that in out-of-the-way places the postmaster makes his rounds as regularly as in Manila. The same letter strongly hints at financial irregularities and corruption in the Otis administration, and further states that at one time Dewey threatened to seize the Otis gunboats on the ground that they were a menace to public safety. Furthermore, the letters inform us that the naval officers burned with indignation at the "lying reports," as Dewey called them to Otis's face, which the General made orders from Washington, sent home; and it is practically asserted that until the navy took charge of the gunboats the natives were afforded most desirable opportunities for smuggling in arms, ammunition, and other military supplies.

On the whole, the letters draw a startling picture of incompetency on the part of Otis, and expose a most outrageous conspiracy between the latter and the administration to mislead, beguile, and deceive the American people in the interest of McKinley's political aspirations. They furnish unquestionable proof of the fact that the administration has strikingly exemplified the truth:

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive."

In the career of suppression and falsification and bad faith towards the masses—the tax-payers of the country—McKinley has gone too far to turn back. He must keep up the weaving. But if Dewey sees fit to throw the whole truth upon the mesh, it may suddenly break, to McKinley's complete undoing. It may be that it could not stand the weight of all the Admiral knows. Hence we repeat that it is not at all certain that Dewey's home coming has caused a quiver of joy to vibrate through administrative circles.

Governor Roosevelt's intentions regarding Admiral Dewey are causing the Mayor and the committee, who fear that the Governor intends to call on the Admiral in advance of the Mayor. A representative of the Governor denied that he would make a call before the Mayor and done so, but he admitted that the Governor intended to put to sea on Thursday morning on General Francis V. Greene's yacht, the Wild Duck, in order to welcome the Olympia. The Mayor and the committee regard this as confounding their fears—New York Herald of Yesterday.

So Teddy is another man whom Dewey has stolen a march upon.

Has Otis met a Filipino yet?

ON A PICNIC.

Evidently the northern champions of the men and the brother are all off on a picnic. Some days ago a mob at Cartersville, Ill., lynched several negroes by ridding them with bullets. These negroes had not committed the "usual crime." They had not even made depredations on mean corn whiskey, an offense which, according to the idea of the Central West, as proved in one case at least, amply justifies summary punishment. They simply went to work to earn a living against the wishes of a mob, and the next thing heard of them was that they were subjects for the coroner and the undertaker.

These seven members of the down-trodden race—a race, by the way, which at the South is permitted to work without let or hindrance—paid the penalty of not violating any law of Illinois some days ago, as we have said. Full time has elapsed for the details of their taking off to be printed all over the country. Yet none of the northern papers that are in the habit of going into hysterics every time a negro is lynched at the South, no matter what his crime, have had "spells" over the Cartersville affair, and we have looked in vain for accounts of anti-lynching demonstrations as a result of the episode.

Greenfield, Ill., claims to have a real, genuine centennial in the person of "Judge" Edmund L. Cooper, who celebrated his centennial last Sunday in the presence of several hundred persons. Among those who congratulated the old gentleman were five score descendants, representing five generations. The "Judge" sat upon the speaker's platform during the exercises, which were of a religious character. The address of the occasion was a sermon on "Time," and was delivered by a St. Louis minister.

"Judge" Cooper, it is said, was born in Orange county, Va., and went to Greene county in 1832. He was County Assessor and Treasurer in 1833. He is a Republican. We wonder what proofs of his age were introduced at the meeting.

Delaware's whipping post appears to be a useful and a busy institution. On Saturday nine men were publicly flogged at New Castle for the crimes of burglary and petit larceny and 500 people witnessed the spectacle. There was no pretence about the punishment; the cat-o'-nine-tails did its duty and made its mark.

The editor of the Baltimore American, in discussing the incident, laments the fact that the law which prescribes stripes for wife-beaters has not been enforced in the Monumental City. He thinks crime cannot be studied at long range and only through the medium of books.

Diaz's inability to leave his home at this time fills Chicago's cup with grief, one may be sure. The presence of the Mexican President was to have been the strongest card of the Windy City's fall festival, now at hand.

Dewey's idea, doubtless, is that it is better to be even two days too soon than one moment too late.

The Princess Cantacuzene's trousseau, it appears, is the first to contain an automobile costume.

Warmer weather to-day, Dewey has arrived.

Honorary Military Titles.

(Norfolk Landmark.)

In the course of a few remarks about the approaching meeting of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia at Pataski City, the Richmond Dispatch says that it would be rejoiced "to hear that the camp had done something in the way of removing the confusion wrought by the distribution of high military titles to camp officers. The records of our camps," it explains, "ought to be safe guides to the historical investigator of the future. Will they be? Is it not far more likely that they will mislead? The trouble is that the camps' honorary titles—their generals, colonels, captains, &c.—when they appear in print, are not distinguishable from those which were won in war. Ought they to be? We think not. Most old Confederates think not. The trouble is apparent; not so the remedy, but it would seem possible to adopt some sort of sign, or device, that would show 'which is which.' This reminiscence is certainly a timely and sensible. There is nothing to which the Grand Camp can devote itself with more propriety than to the problem of differentiating between military titles obtained in actual service and military titles obtained in other ways.

Uncover at Richmond's Name.

(Norfolk Ledger.)

Norfolk extends her hand to Richmond in congratulation upon the latter's prosperity. The City by the Sea having had a share of it of late, can enter appreciatively into the capital city's exultation on the subject of the "uncovering" of the name of the old Dominion. While Norfolk is reaching out to a large usefulness, it is always pleasant to know that the rest of the State is also pressing forward, and which comes of winning the old Commonwealth is as large as its borders, yet we feel an especial pleasure in the prosperity and growth of Richmond, standing, as it does, as the present capital of the entire State. May its present prosperity multiply and its largest aspirations be reached in solid, substantial growth, as we feel assured it will, from the stately steps of its past development, its progress being better than that of Newport, the high position to which it was called as the capital of the Commonwealth. All Virginians uncover at the name of Richmond and share with its own inhabitants the pleasure which comes of watching its steady onward march and distinguished achievements in every line of endeavor.

New York and Newport News.

(New York Tribune, Editorial.)

The export figures of Newport News are said by a correspondent to be "amazing." They are not. They show that shipments of all kinds are rapidly increasing. Last week nearly a million bushels of grain were shipped, and six more big steamships were being loaded. About 150 carloads of grain for export are received daily from the West. Two new cargo ships of 12,000 tons each are being built for that port, and the present fleet of 1,700,000 bushels of capacity, is to be supplemented with another of about equal size. Such figures are magnificent, prodigious, colossal, if you will; but they are not amazing. On the contrary, they are just what were to be expected.

"The Shipping World Year Book" explains the situation. It tells us that the harbor of Newport News is the finest on the Atlantic coast of the United States, contains the largest dry-dock in the United States, and has one of the most complete ship-yards in the world. Moreover, it is controlled by a great railroad corporation which exerts all its energy for its development. Why should not its shipments rapidly increase? It would be amazing if they did not. Commerce moves on lines of least resistance and best facilities. Therefore much of it goes to Newport News instead of New York. It is perfectly natural. And it is all New York's fault, for this harbor was once better than that of Newport News now is, and might have been kept so, and might have been provided

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Mothers of children affected with croup or a severe cold need not hesitate to administer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It contains no opiate nor narcotic in any form, and may be given as confidently to the babe as to an adult. The great success that has attended its use in the treatment of croup and whooping cough has been proved in the United States and in many foreign lands. For sale by all druggists.



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